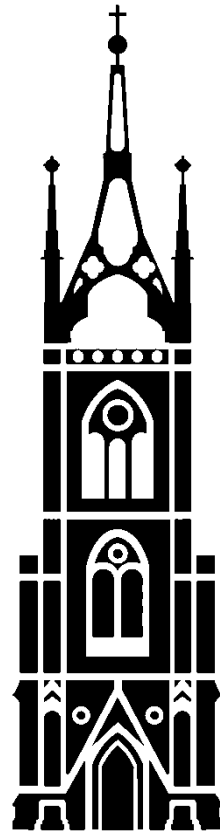


**The Parish Church
of
St Mary of Charity
Faversham, Kent**



**Service of Remembrance
Sunday, 10 November 2019**

Please stand

Opening Hymn *O God, our help in ages past*

During the hymn the clergy and dignitaries process in and standards will enter the nave.

O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Please sit

Welcome and Opening Prayer

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away. **Amen.**

Remembering

Cllr Tom Gates

President of the Faversham Branch of The Royal British Legion reads

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Silence

At the end of the silence the following prayer is said:

Ever-living God

we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace
calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Standards are received at the high altar

Please sit

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Read by Tom Gates,

President of the Faversham Branch of The Royal British Legion.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Choir: So they gave their bodies; *Aston*

Second Reading

John 15:9-17

Read by Cllr Alison Reynolds, Mayor of Faversham

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another'.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

The Address

Hymn *For the healing of the nations*

Please stand. During this hymn a collection is taken

For the healing of the nations,

Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Praying Together

Please sit or kneel. Prayer is led:

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God give us peace.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of
war, each one remembered and known to God.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of
our grief and the sadness of our loss.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

God give us peace

God give us peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us dignity as we pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen**

Responding in hope and commitment

Representatives and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

Please stand

A young person lights a candle for Peace

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

The Act of Commitment is made

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God,

we offer to you the fears in us

that have not yet been cast out by love:

May we accept the hope you have placed

in the hearts of all people,

and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;

through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Amen.

Hymn *All people that on earth do dwell*
Please stand. During the final hymn the Standards are collected

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the queen.

Blessing

Please remain standing. The presiding minister says:

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people, peace and concord,
and to us and all his servants life everlasting,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you all evermore.

Amen.

Please sit once the ministers, dignitaries and standards have processed out.

